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Legal Advertisements.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas Philo H. Thompson did, on the first day of October, A. D., 1856, make and execute to Zera D. McCagg, a mortgage, which was duly filed for record, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Cook county, on the 6th day of October, A. D., 1856, in Book, No. 18, of Mortgages, page 298, which said mortgage was made to secure the payment of four certain promissory notes in said mortgage, particularly described, one of said notes last maturing, having fallen due on the 1st day of October, A. D., 1857. And default having been made in the payment of the said last mentioned note, and also in being in said mortgage, an agreement and proviso in it by default to be made in the payment of said promissory notes, or either of them, or any part thereof, or of the interest thereon, or on either of the same, then, in that case, the whole of said sum secured by said notes, shall at once become due and payable; and that then the said McCagg, executors, administrators, and assigns, is and are empowered to sell and by virtue of said mortgage, after giving notice in a public newspaper, printed in the city of Chicago, for 20 days before the day of sale, to sell the premises in said mortgage described, and all of the equity of redemption of said Philo H. Thompson, his heirs and assigns, at public auction, and upon sale thereof, to make, execute, and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers, good and sufficient deed, or deeds to the said property so sold, and out of the proceeds of said sale, to pay the amounts or sums due, on the promissory notes then, under said mortgage, together with the costs and charges incident to said sale, &c.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that I, the undersigned, (said mortgage, and said unpaid note, having been duly assigned to me,) in pursuance of the authority of said mortgage and said assignment, and by virtue of the power in said mortgage contained, will, on Monday, the 13th day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the north door of the Court House, in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, sell at public vendue, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, the premises in said mortgage described, to wit: "Twenty acres off of the south end, of the east half, of the southwest quarter, of section thirty-four, in Township forty north, of range thirteen east of the 3d principal meridian, bounded on the north by the centre of the said quarter section, on the west by the west line of the east half, of the said southwest quarter, and on all sides by the east line of the said southwest quarter, and the south line of said section thirty-four, containing twenty acres, more or less, according to the government survey, or in plain words, those south forty rods, thence east twenty rods, thence north forty rods, thence west twenty rods, to the place of beginning, containing twenty acres, be the same more or less."

JUSTUS C. GRANT, Assignee of Mortgage.
Chicago, April 6 1859. apr7 lm c 6 06

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF THE CHICAGO, ST. PAUL AND FOND DU LAC RAILROAD.—Notice is hereby given that I, William B. Ogden, President of the Chicago, St. Paul and Fond du Lac Railroad Company, a corporation duly constituted under the laws of the State of Illinois and Wisconsin, and the trustee named in the certain Deed of Trust executed to me as Trustee on the third day of March A. D. 1854, by the said Railroad Company, to Charles H. Whittemore, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Cook County, State of Illinois, on the 7th day of March, 1854, in Book 16 of Mortgages, page 282, &c.; and in the Recorder's office for the County of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 8th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 67, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Dodge, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 67, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Fond du Lac, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 302, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Winnebago, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 67, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Rock, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 302, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Jefferson, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 302, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Walworth, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 302, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Racine, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 302, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Kenosha, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 2 of Mortgages, page 302, &c.; and in the Register's office for the County of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 9th day of March, 1854, in Volume 15 of Mortgages, page 369, &c.; for Rock county, August 16, 1855, in Volume B., page 456, &c.; for Jefferson county, August 17, 1855, volume 12, page 186, &c.; for Dodge County, August 18, 1855, in volume 3, page 142, &c.; for Fond du Lac County, August 20, 1855, in volume 3, page 302, &c., which said Trust Deed conveyed to the said Trustee and his successors and assigns, the railroad and all and singular the railroad and its appurtenances, the locomotives, cars, machinery, tools and fixtures, and the franchises and privileges, franchises and rights of the company and things hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of securing the payment of the interest and principal of certain bonds, in the said Trust Deed described, amounting in the aggregate to three millions of dollars, in the manner and at the times therein specified, with the power and upon the terms and conditions therein, and in case of default by the said company in any payment of interest on any of the said bonds for six months after the same should fall due, and according to the generic tenor of the said bonds, the principal thereof should become demandable, or in case of default by the said Company in any payment required to be made into the sinking fund provided for in the said Trust Deed, for redemption of the principal of the said bonds, the undersigned, the trustee named in the said Trust Deed, at the request of the holders of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in amount of said bonds, should sell and convey the said railroad and property, appurtenances and things described in and conveyed by said Trust Deed, first giving due notice in the manner in two daily newspapers printed in the cities of Chicago and New York, to be continued for three months, or such shorter time, not less than sixty days, as the said Company might by resolution of its Board of Directors request, and should execute and deliver a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchaser, and apply the proceeds of such sales as in the said Trust Deed specified.

And whereas the said William B. Ogden has resigned as one of said Trustees; and

And whereas default has been made in the payment of the interest which fell due on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, on certain of the bonds, and of the interest which fell due on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and of the interest which fell due on the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and of the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and of the interest which fell due on the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and the said interest remains unpaid and in default, and has been for a long time wholly unpaid:

And whereas less six holders of such bonds, to the aggregate amount of $250,000, have in writing requested the undersigned to enforce and execute the trusts of the said deed, and whereas, the said Company, by resolution of its Board of Directors, have assented to and ratified the action of the said Trust Deed, at a shorter time, not less than forty days, as provided in the said Trust Deed:

Now, Therefore, public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority vested in us by the said Trust Deed, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Merchants' Exchange, in the city of Chicago, in the County in the State of Wisconsin, on Thursday, the 2d day of June, 1859, and at 12 o'clock at noon of said day, all the railroad known as the Chicago, St. Paul and Fond du Lac Railroad, from the city of Chicago, through the cities of Janesville and Oshkosh, to Lake Superior, with the bridges over the Rock and Fox rivers, and the other at Onkcanger; the portions thereof from Chicago to Janesville, or about sixty-four miles, to Beloit Junction to Oshkosh, or about forty-seven miles, to Fond du Lac, or about forty-seven miles, to Fond du Lac, or about forty-seven miles, to Fond du Lac

Press & Tribune.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1859.

CONSEQUENCES OF MAN-HUNTING.

"Our readers who have passed over the newspaper accounts of the capture of the "man John" at Oberlin, his rescue by the indignant citizens of that place, the trial of the rescuers before the U. S. District Court at Cleveland, and the conviction and imprisonment of two of their number, may not have thought, that, upon that train of causes, probably depends events that will have a very important if not an overshadowing influence upon our national politics, and, hence upon the perpetuation of the rights of the States and of the sound constitutional liberty of every citizen. What part the capture, the rescue and the trial may play in our national affairs—how soon, upon a question of the jurisdiction and rights of their respective courts, the Federal powers at Washington and the sovereign State of Ohio, may be brought into armed collision—the Supreme Court of Ohio, will determine. The citizens who were dragged from their houses for an act of humanity; who were tried by a mean and basely partisan tribunal in which a Democrat presided, Democratic witnesses gave testimony, and Democratic jurymen found an infamous verdict, and who were thrust into a felon's cell, have appealed to the Judiciary of their own State—the power that owes them protection—for the interposition of its arm between them and the tyranny by which they are oppressed. They have been brought before the Supreme Court of Ohio, at Columbus, upon a writ of *habeas corpus*; and there they demand the assertion, protection and maintenance of their rights. They contend that the law under which they have been chased down, bound and thrust into prison is in its letter and spirit a violation of the Constitution of the United States, and that as such, proceedings under it are derogatory to the dignity and sovereignty of the State. They ask that the Court shall discharge them from the custody of the Sheriff of Cuyahoga County, who holds them in duress, make them once more free men, and protect them in the enjoyment of the rights of which they have been forcibly dispossessed. The proceedings are still going on.

We dare not predict what the decision of the Court will be. If it is affirmed that the Fugitive Slave Law is warranted by the Constitution, and that Ohio has no remedy for its oppressive operation, the reserved rights and heretofore unquestioned sovereignty of the States will receive a shock which patriots cannot see inflicted without serious alarm, and the liberty of the citizen will become a thing which the States are powerless to protect. If it is held that citizens of Ohio are not amenable to the penalties of that law, the government of the State is brought into direct and unavoidable collision with the Federal power, the duration, and end consequence of which no man foresee. In any event, the deplorable consequences are to be charged directly to that wanton spirit of aggression on the part of the South, that is not content with pushing Slavery into all the virgin territory upon which the three hundred and fifty thousand slave holders may desire, but seeks to make even the North feel that she must be abased for daring to make freedom the heritage of her sons. We shall see what fruit this man-hunting in Ohio will bring forth!

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL MORALITY.

A standard topic with the English newspaper press, is American immorality in commercial matters. Upon this theme, fruitful enough to our shame be it said, it is the delight of our English friends to indulge. Their comments have been vigorous, trenchant, and frequently exaggerated. But, though their reproofs have sometimes seemed hard, and their condemnations too sweeping, they have been generally accepted as not wholly undeserved; and Americans who have deplored the frequent forgetfulness, in this country, of the canons of rich and wrong, in their application to commercial affairs, have not been slow to express their thankfulness that they have so wise and discreet a monitor by whom their departures from the proper standard could be lovingly reproved while all have supposed from the high and pharisaical tone that our neighbors have chosen to adopt, that the English dealers of all classes were wholly exempt from the sins with which corresponding classes in America were so often charged. But recent indiscreet revelations, made by that most radical and destructive of all the foreign quarterlies—the *West minster Review*—will raise the suspicion that the preachers who have rated our people so severely for their vices, were under no necessity of travelling across the ocean for offending hearers at whom to launch their anathemas.—According to that unimpeachable authority the every day transactions among English tradesmen are nothing but complications of cheatings and frauds. What with the well known adulterations of most articles of food and drink—flour, meal, sugar, bread, beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and the like—adulterations that are learned and constantly practised as a part of the business of those who sell the articles named, and which, commenced by importers and dealers, are carried on thereafter by every one through whose hands these commodities may pass; what with the tricks of grocers, the short weights and insufficient measures in use by most retailers, the frauds of commercial travelers, the encouragement of lying in employees, the dodges of manufacturers, the shifts of middle-men, the use of forged labels and stolen trade-marks, the necessity of bribes for the servants of those to whom he sells and for the clerks of those of whom he buys, the dishonesty of banks and the graspings of those who loan at usurious rates,—it is impossible for an English shop-keeper to be strictly honest. He must fall into the current and do as others do, or lose his capital or retire from business. There is no such thing, the reviewer confesses, as a combination of strict truth-telling and accumulating profits. It is a choice with the dealer between a surrender of conscience and a loss of money. These things are not confined to the petty dealers. That historical character, the British Merchant, idealized by Mr. Dickens in the Cheeryble brothers, comes in for his share of denunciation. Our authority says:

> Between the many forms of that which is vulgarly called humbug, and the direct crimes of which traders are sometimes guilty, there is a variable series of various grades of fraudulentness, and various degrees of prevalence; and these are committed not by retailers only, but they vitiate the more important transactions of wholesale houses and manufacturers. It is not true, as many suppose, that only the lower classes of the community are guilty of fraudulent dealing; those above them are to a great extent blameworthy. That the larger traders display less of sheer and the want of principle than the smaller, may indeed be suspected *a priori*. It can scarcely be that on the average those who deal in bales and tons differ widely in morals from those who deal in yards and pounds. We may presume that their misdoings simply take a less concrete form, or come less conspicuously before the public. And we are not deceived in this conclusion. Illicit practices of every form and shade, from venial adulteration up to all but direct theft, may be brought home to the higher grades of our commercial world. Tricks innumerable, less seized or uttered, elaborately-devised frauds are prevalent—many of them established as "customs of the trade," nay, not only established, but defended. To a terrible extent dishonesty is not an exceptional and temporary, but a general and permanent element of our mercantile system.

It is no pleasure to quote opinions so damaging to the commercial morality of a great nation; nor are our people who have copied only too faithfully the examples of the English, to look for justification of their frauds in the wrong-doing of others. There is undoubtedly room for improvement on each side of the water. We reproduce the indictment which the reviewer has framed, only as a reproof of those enemies who find in America the only home of the large and small vices by which the commercial world is dishonored.

☞ A New York Hospital has received a present of Greek fibre, and will, should it suit in its uses, The shrewd dealer will probably meet a great many sellers with his cherry at varying dodge.

☞ Phillips, imprisoned at Washington on a charge of forging Senator Douglas' frank, it is been released. Mr. Douglas having consented to let him lie loose, he some way.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

NAPOLEONIC IDEAS.—*Des Idees Napoleoniennes.* By Napoleon Louis Bonaparte. 12mo. pp. 189. Trusted of by James C. Derby, New York: D. Appleton & Co. For sale by A. G. Griggs & Co., Chicago.

This volume being a translation of the *Idees Napoleoniennes* published by the present Emperor of the French at Brussels, twenty years since has a peculiar interest in view of the recent opening of hostilities in Italy, where the first Emperor commenced his great military career. In the "Napoleonic Ideas" the writer undertook the vindication of Napoleon before the tribunal of the world—not the governors of the world, but the *governed*. His theory was that "at the present time (1839) there are only two governments in the world which fulfill well their providential mission, these are the two colossuses which exist, one at the extremity of the new and the other at the extremity of the old world —the United States and Russia. Whilst the European centre resembles a volcano which consumes itself in its crater, the two nations of the East and the West march without hesitation on the road of improvement; one of them through the will of one man, the other through liberty." "But France!" he continues in a paragraph of grave significance at the present juncture, "will she exhaust her resources and her energies in never ending intestine and suicidal contests? No, such cannot be the destiny of France! Soon will arrive the day when, in order to reign over her, it will be understood that her part is to cast into the scale of all treaties her sword of Brennus on the side of civilization." His theory, as we were remarking is, that the United States and Russia are the only governments which fulfill well their mission of progress in civilization and social development—that France, tortured by the the domination of tyrants and idiots, revolutionized in 1789 in virtue of a sheer necessity, the ground-swell of her movement reaching every throne in Europe except that of Russia—that Napoleon being called to the head of her armies, and subsequently to the Imperial throne, undertook the vast enterprise of reorganizing all the European governments except those of England and Russia, on a basis corresponding with the advance each had made in civilization and the capacity of self-government—that his efforts were frustrated continually by England, in a spirit of mad jealousy of his power—that the whole period of the Empire was therefore war of life and death between England and France, in which England triumphed by sending Napoleon to St. Helena, but France and continental Europe were largely the gainers by emancipating themselves, under the Code Napoleon, from the commercial power and tyranny of England. To use his own language: "The impulse given to industry and to commerce has not stopped in spite of our reverses; and at this time the European continent supplies itself with the greater part of the products which England formerly supplied. Now, who are the greatest statesmen, those who have ruled over countries which have gained in spite of defeat, or those who have governed countries which have lost in spite of victory?"

The theory, or the same idea of the *Idees Napoleoniennes*, is happily expressed on p. 192, where at the mention of Waterloo we find the exclamation—"tears for the vanquished and tears for the victors, who will sooner or later regret the overthrow of the only man who could *mediate between two hostile ages!*" It was this part of mediating between two hostile ages —the age of feudalism, tithes, mortmains, privileged orders, priestcraft and the Inquisition, and the age of enlightenment, religious toleration and equal rights—which, according to his nephew, Napoleon was playing, from the first Italian campaign to the bloody and fatal Hundred Days which ended in his banishment to the farmhouse of Longwood. England, according to the volume before us, waged a relentless war against Napoleon and France, and would listen to no overtures for peace: Her fleets hovered upon every coast, and her gold weighed constantly in the scale of treaties. To bring England to the terms of peace the Continental System was devised for breaking her commercial power. Still she formed coalition after coalition against him which, while their destruction added to his glory both as warrior and statesman, consumed the time he was most anxious to give peace, exhausted the resources of France and inflamed the people among whom and against whom he was obliged to fight—they mistaking him for the author of the miseries which war ever carries in its train. The result of all was that the people of Europe, finding Napoleon engaged in every war which devastated their fields and decimated their households, came to look upon him as a scourge, and finally banding together they tore him from France and delivered him up to his natural and eternal enemy, En

Thus far we have followed the argument of the *Idees Napoleoniennes*. We will follow it a step farther. The aim of Napoleon was to establish a "Holy Alliance," not of sovereigns, but of nations. His desire was at the same time to create constitutional governments, and to maintain the balance of power, not by an arrangement depending upon rivalry and jealousy, but one consulting the general mutual interests. For the settlement of inevitable difficulties, he would have created a European Court of Cassation, (Court of Errors,) to which all national questions might be brought for just and conclusive arbitrament. All this he would have done because, according to another "Napoleonic idea," (p. 144) the interests of the sovereign and the people are identical. The establishment of liberty would have been the strongest guarantee of the throne. It would have rested on the affections of the people. In this connection we extract the following warning to the rulers who pur celled out to each other the nations of Europe after the downfall of the Emperor:

> "And you, statesmen of the Congress of Vienna, who have been masters of the world while standing upon the ruins of the Empire—you might have played a splendid part, but you did not comprehend it. You have aroused the people in the name of liberty against Napoleon. You have put him under the ban of Europe as a despot, a tyrant. You claim to have delivered the nations and assured their repose. They for a moment have believed you; but nothing grand and permanent can be built upon falsehood and error. Napoleon had closed the gulf of revolutions; you overthrowing him have reopened it. Take care that the gulf does not swallow you up."

Our volume closes with an apostrophe to the deceased Emperor: "The enfranchised nations are occupied everywhere in re-establishing "thy work!"

Now, it is to be remarked that the works of Louis Napoleon, Emperor, have not all kept pace with the efforts of Louis Napoleon, bookmaker in Brussels, or prisoner at Ham. Instead of employing his years of peace, the absence of which so frustrated the good intentions of his uncle, in laying broad and deep the foundations of liberty in France, his energies have been directed to muzzling the press, banishing the friends of the Republic, intimidating the people, and crushing all the liberty which the Revolution of 1848 sought to establish. But that is neither here nor there. Our business is with the "Napoleonic Ideas" of Brussels, 1839. We do not find in the volume any satisfactory solution of the motives which prompted the Russian campaign, or the bloody and ruinous war in the Peninsula—the two fatal mistakes of Napoleon's life, in every point of view, for these were the enterprises which convinced the masses of Europe that he was simply the enfranchisement of the nations but at universal dominion.

On the whole the *Idees Napoleoniennes* embrace very profound and just views of society and the functions of government—wholly irreconcilable with the perjury, murder, imprisonment and expatriation which have enabled the writer to seize and maintain his power in France.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

PRAIRIE FARMING IN AMERICA, with notes by the way on Canada and the United States. By James Caird, M. P. New York: D. Appleton & Co. For sale by S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago.

THE LIMITS OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT. Examined in the light of modern knowledge. Being the substance of the Bampton Lectures in the year 1858. By Henry Longueville Mansel, B. D. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. S. C. Griggs & Co.

MARIEL—or Hunt Historian: a tale of truth. By Rosella Rose. Cincinnati: C. Pollard, Foster & Co. S. C. Griggs & Co.

MY EARLY DAYS. By Elihu W. Farman. New York: Thatcher & Hutchinson. Chicago: H. H. Kerr.

About Passports.

WASHINGTON, May 24, 1859.

Persons leaving the United States for France, by way of Havre, must necessarily have their passports vised by the French Consul at the port from which they sail. Those from the continent by way of England, and who may go to London only, have their passports vised by the American Legation, whatever may be their destination. Persons going to the Spanish West Indies will have their passports vised by the Spanish Consul at the port from which they sail. Naturalized citizens applying for passports are required by the State Department to produce their naturalization papers, which will be returned to them with a description of their persons. This is all that is required, and since the commencement of the present administration about 12,000 passports have been issued at the State Department, and only two have failed at the rate of from forty to sixty per day.

Colonel Forney, Captain Carr and Palmer and Superintendent Pugsley have obtained leave of absence, which permission to the Bureau. It is probable they will observe the rule and fill the vacancies, they go thither as private individuals, and not by the order of this government, much as a Board of Observation.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF KANSAS.

The Osawatomie Convention.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

OSAWATOMIE, K. T., May 19, 1859.

A most important day for the people of Kansas has just closed. The first organization of the Republican Party of Kansas has been consummated, and its platform of principles promulgated to the world. The Convention unfortunately fell upon a time when nearly all the streams in this part of the Territory were impassable, and the attendance is therefore not one-fourth as great as it would otherwise have been. Still the number present is large, and yesterday a mass meeting was treated to a speech of nearly two hours from Hon. Horace Greeley of New York—not Horace Greeley of *Kickapoo*, who, in company with James Buchanan and other distinguished foreigners, helped swell the vote of that celebrated precinct on an important occasion.

The Convention organized yesterday by the election of the following officers:

For President—A. O. Leonard, of Coffee Co. Vice Presidents—Nathan Price, of Doniphan County; S. C. Pomeroy, of Atchison County; Thos. Ewing, Jr., of Leavenworth County; Joseph Speck, of Lykins County; Preston Heath, of Doniphan County; Henry Fox, of Shawnee County; D. W. Houston, of Anderson County, and E. G. Jewell, of Bourbon County. Secretaries—D. W. Wilder, of Elwood; T. D. Thatcher, of Lawrence; J. L. Cummings, of Topeka, and John A. Martin, of Atchison County.

After a session of some twelve hours the Committee on Resolutions reported the following

PLATFORM:

Whereas, Since the organization of the Territory of Kansas the Democratic party has been in control of the Legislative and Executive departments of the government; and

Whereas, It has used those powers which should have been exerted to foster and shelter, only to oppress our people; fomited every principle it claimed to advocate; professed and supported principles by foreign noise, learned our towns, pioneered our homes, wasted our substance, defiled our women, and murdered our people; refused a fair trial and equal protection to the actual settlers of the Territory, and to those the institutions of negro slavery upon it; attempted to force upon us laws which, for injustice, cruelty and fraud, have scarcely been paralleled in the history of the most barbarous ages; and, finally, has left us no alternative but to throw off its loathsome carcass and organize for ourselves a government where; and

Whereas, The Republican party has on all occasions evinced a devotion to popular rights and an attachment to the best interests of the nation, that deserve our approval; and has, by its adherence to the principles of the Fathers of the Republic, and by its present support of the cause of

Resolved, That we believe the time has come for the people of Kansas to have a public and fair election, and a perfect freedom in its organization and subjects.

Resolved, That we, the people of Kansas, in Delegate Convention assembled, do proceed to organize the Republican party and declare our principles as follows:

Resolved, That we hold the Federal Union to be perpetual, and declare our principles subversive of the Federal Government, and of popular rights for all countries and governments, and of the Union of these States in particular, as held by Thomas Jefferson and the Fathers of the republic in the Declaration of Independence.

Resolved, That while we declare our submission to the Constitution and the Union, we hold that the power to control over slavery in the States in which it exists, we hold that the Constitution does not confer upon the Federal Government, but that it is the creature of special enactment, and has existence only by virtue of the same; and we denounce and condemn the perversion of the Supreme Court of the United States to sectional dictation and party ends.

Resolved, That, with the founders of the Republic, we believe that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that it is proper that the people of an organized Territory should be permitted to mind their own affairs and enact their own laws, free from Congressional and Executive control.

Resolved, That Freedom is National, and Slavery Sectional, and that we are belligerently opposed to the extension of Slavery to soil now free.

Resolved, That we condemn the Administration for its factiousness and impotency in the enforcement of the law prohibiting the importation of African slaves into the United States, and demand such further legislation by Congress as will effectually suppress that infamous traffic.

Resolved, That the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention be requested to incorporate in the bill of Rights in the Constitution a provision that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in this State, except for the punishment of crime.

Resolved, That the passage of a liberal Homestead bill, giving 160 acres of land to every citizen who will settle upon and improve it, is a wise and judicious policy, humane in mind in practice, and productive of the greatest good to the people of the nation; and that we regard the defeat of Mr. Brown's Bill in the Senate, by the Democratic party, as a direct blow at the best interests of the country, and as unworthy of the generosity of a great government.

Resolved, That the President in ordering the public lands to sale and other Territories to be opened, for the purpose of universal Speculation, thus impoverishing thousands of our fellow citizens, and the best spirit of the age, has committed an outrage in the history of a free government, and that the Republican party will oppose such unwise and unjustifiable efforts to secure the best settlement of the sales, deserve the thanks of the people of Kansas and the world.

Resolved, That we protest against any action which would vest the absurd and odious political power to hold disabilities than those imposed by the naturalization laws of the United States.

Resolved, That the people of the West, the commerce of whose rivers and streams fills the coffers of the Federal Treasure Arks abstracts, and Congress—has grown to be three-fold greater than the whole foreign commerce of the country, will hold, henceforth, the empire of the government, and should unite in a national party for the purpose of which will open and improve the rivers and harbors of the country, and highways of the interior of the continent, for the great and growing commerce of the plains, and that a railroad to the Pacific by the most central and practicable route, is imperatively demanded by the interests of the whole country, and they federal duty to legislate to render immediate and efficient aid in its construction.

The reading of the resolutions was received with loud cheers; after which nearly the whole day was consumed in a discussion of the fourth resolution in reference to the right of the people of a Territory to elect their own officers. It was finally adopted by a vote of about two to one. The entire platform was then adopted by acclamation amid the greatest enthusiasm. When the Chairman announced the result, the ball rang with cheer upon cheer for the *Republican Party of Kansas!* With such an introduction success at the polls is an assured result.

The following gentlemen were then elected by their several delegations as a Central Territorial Committee:

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To-day is the anniversary of the barbarous massacre at the Trading Post, a few miles below here, last May, by Hamilton and his gang. The memory of that savage deed can never be effaced to the latest time. VIDUS.

LETTER FROM IOWA.

Probable Nominees for Governor and Lieut. Governor—The Pilot's Position—The Pilot's Prairie—The Flood and the Refuse.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

DES MOINES, May 23, 1859.

As the time approaches for the nomination of our State officers, the public mind is canvassing the merits and prospects of the various candidates. Governor Lowe and Senator Kirkwood, at present, appear to be the only really prominent candidates for a seat in the Gubernatorial chair, at the hands of the Republicans. The former already sits very comfortably therein, but will leave with his usual urbanity of manner should the Convention extend an invitation to Mr. Kirkwood—recognizing the philosophical principle (and the Governor is something of a philosopher) that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time. Should such an event happen, it is intimated that the Governor will be put forward for a seat on the Supreme Bench.

Governor Lowe has entered upon the last year of his term. He has made a popular officer by the frankness of his manner and the integrity of his conduct. These traits give him strong friends among those with whom his official career has brought him in contact.

Mr. Kirkwood is a man of rare energy of character, and of great effectiveness in public debate. In the State Senate, last session, he was the best debater on the floor. Either, if nominated, will receive the hearty support of the Republicans, and be triumphantly elected. Should Mr. Kirkwood be the nominee for Governor, the Hon. John Edwards of Chariton, a member of the last House, will come in strongly for the Lieutenancy, as the representative of the southern part of the State, which has never yet, I think, had a State officer. In this event, the three candidates for Supreme Judges will probably be taken from the cities on the Mississippi River. Chief Justice Wright positively declines a renomination. It is reported that he is coming here to practice law; but it is shrewdly guessed that the attorneys here have less cause to fear his rivalry than have certain aspirants for the U. S. Senate.

Among the Democrats, Hon. M. L. Fisher, positively declines the nomination. So the race is between Dodge and Ledlogwell. One of these will probably be nominated in the hope to draw off the north part of the State to the support of a Northern man. A little sectional feeling that has at times been displayed, will be seized by the Opposition in their desperate extremity, to build the hope of success upon. From present indications, the campaign will be vigorously prosecuted on both sides.

A double tide of travelers now pass through our streets. While the tide setting westward to the imaginary gold fields of Kansas continues almost as strong as ever, the disappointed and disheartened make up a returning tide that daily increases. For the past two days, I think half as many have passed east as west. Many on meeting the return trains here have turned about in our streets and faced homeward. Some that are going back have been to Cherry Creek, some to Fort Kearny, and others have turned at each intermediate point. One man I met this morning turned back when 150 miles beyond Omaha City. He desired to go on, but out of one hundred teams then there, he could not find another that would go on with him. About fifteen went on board for California, all the rest turned back, satisfied, that Pike's Peak is the biggest humbug of the age, and they among the worst sold of all this Yankee nation. They all bring accounts of suffering on the plains and of the deepest indignation against the lying letter writers by whom they have been deceived. But possibly it may be that many are scared at trifles, and turn back even on less pretexts than on which they attempted the journey.

Our own State suffers least. Many who intended going had not started ere the ill news came too thick to be resisted, and have slowly turned to filling corn-fields, rather than toiling over the long route westward. The upward tendency of breadstuffs, consequent on the war in Europe, and the unrivalled growth of vegetation so far for the season, give buoyancy to the spirits of farmers, and bring near the prospect of our State fully roused from the lethargy into which the great financial crisis threw her.

Disastrous as may prove the Pike's Peak stampede to the participants, it cannot but be of advantage to Iowa. The agee-stamped dentures of the flat portions of Illinois, and the winter-pinched people of Upper Wisconsin, travel here over a country equal in fertility and far more salubrious and genial in climate, well watered and with coal sufficient to supply whatever lack of wood there may be. Many of them will find their way back again to become adopted citizens of the Hawkeye State. S. S.

Creed of the "Autocrats of the Breakfast Table."

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES—the *Atlantic* "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table"—has lately been violently assailed by many professedly religious and a few secular journals, for the unorthodox tendency of some of the capital papers which has given him so wide a reputation. At an Unitarian Festival, in Boston, on Tuesday evening last, Dr. Holmes was made Chairman; and in his speech, thanking his hearers for the honor conferred upon him, took occasion, we think, to reply to the strictures of those by whom he and his writings have been assailed. Toward the close of his remarks he defined his position thus, speaking not for himself only, but for Unitarians generally:

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The remainder of the session was occupied with a discussion upon Domestic Missions—*Dr. Musgrave* defending the Board, and Messrs. Hickman and Van Dyke condemning its action.

Presbyterian General Assembly, New School.

From the *Journal* and *Statesman* of Wilmington, Delaware, we make the following extracts from the proceedings of Saturday.

After the devotional exercises in the morning, Rev. Dr. Thurston was heard, as delegate from the Maine Congregational Association. He gave an interesting account of Christian efforts in that State.

CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

J. W. McLane, D. D., of Brooklyn, presented the Report of the Church Erection fund.

The causes arising from the commercial disasters hindering churches from building, are partly removed, and increasing numbers have been encouraged to erect or build. It becomes more clear that such a fund was really needed.

The annual meeting was held in June, 1858. All the unpaid subscriptions, excepting $400, have been received. The fund amounts to $107,584.09. The portion unused is safely invested or deposited, drawing six per cent interest. Up to the present time, no part of the fund has been lost. It has been increased, while all the applications within the rules have been promptly met. Delays in making grants are rarely unnecessary to be avoided, and the utmost expedition has been used. Some delays have occurred, and more care is to be exercised hereafter.

A whole number of Churches aided, 119; $45,118, were appropriated. Two Churches declined the grant, and one other is supposed to have declined. These grants are partly in loans and partly in donations. 37 have been aided this year.

In many cases but for this aid the attempt to build would not have been made. The fund has therefore secured the erection of a number of houses of worship, four of which burned. This is a condition of all assistance rendered. 42 per cent. of the Fund has secured over $300,000 worth of Church property.

The work done has answered the end designed, as seen in the character of the houses erected, namely, small churches, frequently erected at the request of the individuals of the congregation. When a church aided is transferred to a new Synod, it is regarded as carrying its indebtedness with it.

Individuals in Missouri and Kansas have corresponded with the committee asking aid, but as they are not in our connection nothing could be done for them. The Board express anew their entire confidence in the Fund as arranged and established by the Assembly, and in its great usefulness to the whole church. We pray for the Church rejoice in this part of her work. Nothing stands out in greater prominence in all the records of the Church, the interest taken by true Israel of God in the honor of his house.

A report was made adverse to the application of Harmony Presbytery for a division of the funds of the Assembly.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee of Conference with the A. H. M. S., reported the following: Missionaries of Church's Heart of the Andes. Yesterday was the last day of its public exhibition; and it may be worthy of the public to know that the amount of money taken at the door during the day was $555, and that during the twenty days of its exhibition the receipts have been $3,175. It is now to go to Church's Heart of the Persia. A few days before the picture was finished, happening to be in Church's Room, I asked him what he would take for it, and upon the picture. He replied, that he did not intend for some time to sell it, but that, probably, he should ask ten thousand dollars. If he can, in three weeks from its first public exhibition, realize over half that sum, what value may he not put upon it? The truth is, it is incomparably the finest picture painted in this country, and in it Mr. Church has a fortune, merely by putting it on exhibition in the great centres of art in the Old World, and in the flourishing cities of the New.

Editors Using Pistols.

[From the Nashville Union Rep., 21st.]

The leading editorial of Friday's *Banner* occasioned a personal misunderstanding between Mr. Beaumont, of that journal, and Mr. Poindexter, of the *Union and American*. Early yesterday, the latter called on the former at his office, for an explanation, where, after some words, there was a resort to blows. Bystanders interfered, and hostilities were interrupted. In the evening the two gentlemen met in Cedar street, opposite the State Capitol, and exchanged some pistol shots, one of which took effect in Mr. Beaumont's leg. We learn with pleasure that the wound is not considered serious. It is to be hoped that the proprietors of contributions and appropriations are about equal. The report was referred to the Church Extension Committee.

Mr. Spencer, of Chicago, remarked that he could give, in part, the statistics requested. Instructions have been issued to the Agents of the A. H. M. S., to make careful investigation into these matters. Mr. S. has come across one of these for the northern half (24 counties) of Illinois. For five years from 1855, in that section, the Congregational churches have contributed $5,199. The Presbyterian $6,916. The Congregational churches have contributed $19,585 in five years. The Presbyterians $17,799. These reports are not accurate.

Rev. R. D. Neill, of Minnesota, could add the following statistics: $2,500 had been expended by Presbyterian churches, $1,000 for Congregational churches, in his field, and he had been informed by an Agent of the A. H. M. S.

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Sufferings and Losses of Life and Property on the Plains.

[From the Missouri Democrat.]

EVERETT HOUSE, ST. LOUIS, May 23, 1859.

MR. EDITOR:—Having seen in your columns of the 24th inst., an article taken from the Leavenworth *Times*, containing "highly favorable reports from the diggings" about Cherry Creek, I am induced to write you this letter in the hope that it may be instrumental in saving some from being mislead, and falling into what I believe *to be the most gigantic humbug that was ever perpetrated upon the American people.*

I left my home in the State of New York, on the 20th day of March last, for the purpose of going to the gold mines. I visited most of the principal towns in Kansas, and spent about one week in Leavenworth and three weeks in St. Joseph. During that time, I had a good opportunity of meeting vast numbers of emigrants start from all these points, and hear the arguments of the inhabitants of all the different starting points, trying to prove that their town was the best place to buy an outfit, and their route the best. I became satisfied that the old California road, starting from St. Joseph, was the best, and in company with a friend, bought a good outfit, viz: Three yoke of good cattle, a good wagon, six months' provisions, consisting of every necessary article that we could think of; also, carpenters tools, nails, butts and screws, window sash and glass, and all the articles necessary to build us a good log house on our arrival at the mines. We left St. Joseph on the 20th day of April, and traveled west about two hundred miles. When we reached the Big Blue, we began to meet the tide of emigration flowing back towards the East, with very unfavorable news from the mines. This did not make much impression upon us at first, and we came to the conclusion that come what would, we should go through. We continued to travel on for about six days after we passed the Big Blue, and every day the emigration to the East doubled, and finally we came to a halt for consultation. We had united ourselves to several other parties, so that we had about nineteen men in our company. Mr. John De Witt, with a party of five from Perry, Illinois, a party of five young men, all from Jackson, Michigan, and some from Minnesota; also, a party of six from New Haven, Connecticut. We pitched our tents for the night, and in consultation, came to the conclusion that we should go through and see for ourselves.

The next morning we made an early start calculating to make a good day's journey, but had not travelled far when we met a company returning that had been through and worked in the mines about two weeks, and from them we met several of our friend De Witt, from his old town in Illinois. He said they were men of truth, and could believe what they said. The most implicit confidence in their statements, which were substantially as follows: They had prospected the country round Cherry Creek, and traveled ten miles up the Platte, and failed to find where they could find the color, and prospected all the way. They gave it a thorough trial, and the most they could make was three cents *made a day.* They visited all the different diggings, and did find a man that pretended that he could make more than from three to twenty cents a day. They also stated that almost all the emigration was turning back, and advised his friends and neighbors, Mr. De Witt and party, to return to their homes. This was too much for them. The party began to move. Some were in favor of returning, and some for going ahead. We travelled on that day, but did not make much headway. As we met thousands on the back track, the road lined as far as the eye could reach with long trains, nine-tenths of which were wending their weary steps toward the East, we concluded to go into camp again for consultation. We pitched our tents, and there we found a gentleman by the name of Vaness, from Jackson, Michigan by this name, were on their return, after having spent some time in the mines prospecting. Mr. Vaness is a gentleman of truth, and was well known by several in our encampment. His statements were substantially as follows:

STATEMENT OF MR. VANESS.

I started in March, with Mule Teams, and arrived at Denver City early in April. On my arrival the speculators in town lots swarmed around me and tried to induce me to take some shares in their new town. I told them I did not wish to speculate, but wanted to engage my party in mining. I asked them if they knew where there were any diggings that would pay. They say:

"Oh, yes, we can show you rich diggings not far from the town."

I asked them how much it would pay to the pan. They said they could show me diggings that would pay two cents to the pan. I told them if they would do that I would give them ten dollars for their trouble. So they agreed to go and show me the next morning. I called on them in the morning, and reported myself ready to go to the diggings, but they said they could not go that day and made a great many excuses. I was satisfied they were only humbugging me, and offered to pay them ten dollars if they would show me where I could find dirt that would pay even five cents, three cents, the one cent. They could not do either, for the very good reason that there never had been diggings found in that country any where that would pay one cent to the pan, nor even one-fourth of a cent. I prospected the country all around, visited all the claims and noted diggings, and I positively assert that no man has ever made more than twenty cents per day in the best diggings in the vicinity of Pike's Peak or Cherry Creek. Gold does indeed exist there, it can be found anywhere about Cherry Creek and all the streams, but the particles are so minute that it is with great difficulty they can be collected, and a mining can never be made to pay there. Denver City and Auraria consist of a few log houses or huts, and there were less inhabitants there when I left than when I arrived. The towns are being deserted by all except those who own the lots, and they are hanging on in hopes of selling them.

Mr. Vaness was present at the burial of Bassett, the bogus postman. He states that Mr. Bassett had been engaged in forging fraudulent letters East. He said there were a large number found in his possession, and that all the letters coming from that country giving glowing accounts of the mines are fraudulent and downright lies. The statements of Mr. Y., backed up by all the others who were with him, was a hard pill for his Michigan acquaintances to swallow, and many of them came to the conclusion that they should retrace their steps to the East.

STATEMENT OF A BROTHER OF ONE OF THE COMPANY.

That day I saw two brothers meet on the road—the one on the return had been to the mines, had spent all they had there, worn out last fall, had prospected everywhere, had given it a thorough trial, and said that there was no gold in paying quantities in that country—that from three to fifteen cents per day was the most that could be made by any one. That the whole country was a barren waste—that it never can be a good agricultural country—that it is not fit for a white man to live in—and that if gold could be found there in quantities that would pay five dollars per day, it would be nonsense to go there and dig it, as there are only about four months in the year that a man can work there; but as it is, it is downright madness for a man to go there, expecting to make money by mining, when he can have no hope of making over twenty cents per day; and if he has to pay board, it will cost him three dollars per day.

A conversation something like the following took place between these two brothers. The one on the return said:

"My God! where are you going to?"

"I am going to Pike's Peak."

"What in the world are you going to Pike's Peak for? I wrote you not to come."

"You wrote for me to come immediately; and stated you were making from five to eight dollars per day, and here's your letter," producing one that purported to have been written by him, and was mailed at Auraria, but was a fraud.

The brother outward bound returned.

I traveled in company with him as far as he spent the winter at Cherry Creek, two days, and had many an interesting talk with him. I also met a gentleman, whom I knew well in New York, who has been sutler to Fort Laramie, and has spent fourteen months there. He is on his way East. He has come down from the mountains, and is well informed in regard to that country. He pronounces the whole thing a most *outrageous humbug*, and says that they have tried mining there years ago; that he has seen old sluice boxes lying rotten there that have been abandoned because they could not make it pay. He says that this is well known by the officers in the army and others that have travelled in this country. Many of his clerks left him and went to the mines last fall, but after their rain efforts, were glad to return.

Well, after having heard all the evidence, and having seen a large number of others who had been through to the mines, and all telling the same story, we were overwhelmed with the evidence and returned.

SUFFERINGS ON THE PLAINS.

There has been a great deal of suffering, sickness, starvation and death of men and animals on this journey. It was no uncommon thing to count the carcasses of more than fifty oxen in a single day. Hundreds of men started off with no better outfit than a carpet sack, others with handcarts, and some with wheelbarrows. They got ahead of the emigration with teams, and after having passed Fort Kearney, the only alternative for them was robbery or death. They got together in strong parties, and robbed many a man of horses, mules, oxen and provisions, and many from incessant fatigue, privation and exposure, have left their bones to whiten on the distant plains of Kansas.

THE GETTERS UP OF THE SWINDLE.

There have been three or four different classes of men engaged in getting up and promulgating this infamous swindle which has caused so much misery. Some to sell their outfitters and homes, and spend their last dollar to reach what they supposed to be a new Eldorado. A few to sell lots of buildings. Ex. contractors and out towns, and then, by lying and writing back false reports to the East, made some believe that gold, by paying quantities, was found at Cherry Creek. These three rascals were backed up by those interested in the frontier towns of Kansas City, Leavenworth, Atchison, St. Joseph and Omaha. They raised funds to these and other towns, to send, as they did, drummers east for hundreds of miles, to spread their infamous lies, and to publish maps, charts and pamphlets, giving glowing accounts of the. I have reason to believe, they knew were false reports of the Kansas gold mines; and strangers to their every person within hundreds of miles. There was an average of about five men to one team, and all the different roads were lined for hundreds of miles. At the same rate nine-tenths of that vast emigration have, or soon are, on their return. Then these sharpers have another lick at them. They go out just meet them, perhaps fifty miles off, with reports that there are so many thousands returned to all the towns along the river—that their OXED, wagons and provisions are not worth anything, consequently the disheartened emigrants sell their property for a mere song. I have seen oxen that cost a hundred dollars a yoke, sold for $60; hams 5@ 7½ lb; Flour $1.50 ₩ cwt; Rice 2@ 3 lb; Sugar 2@ 3 lbs. Wagons that cost from $75 to $100, for $30.

The suffering and loss that has been caused by this infamous humbug is incalculable, and it ought and will react upon those who have knowingly aided and abetted its promulgation.

Respectfully,

J. MANNERS,

of Lockport, N. Y.

[From the Peoria Transcript, 26th.]

RETURNED FROM THE GOLD REGIONS.—Mr. Jno. B. Smith of Mossville, who left home the 6th of April for a gold digging excursion to Pike's Peak, passed through Peoria this week on his return. He did not go any further than Fort Kearney, meeting several acquaintances there who had been for several weeks searching for the humbug diggings, all sick, discouraged and nearly penniless, were trying to make their way back to the land of civilization and comparative plenty. Mr. Smith in his journey to this point, had seen enough of the elephant, and satisfied with the view obtained, he also set his face homewards. In his opinion, not the half has been told touching the suffering endured by many of the returning emigrants or the despondency to which they are reduced, and he himself saw the body of a man near Cassonova Creek, who had fallen on the road, and died from starvation. In one instance he was knowing to a valuable rifle having been offered for a single dinner, and was told of persons at the so-called mines, offering to work a full day for one solitary meal of victuals. Mr. Smith mentions also the murder of a postmaster, for having been instrumental in the detention of letters containing true facts of the case, and gives particulars of various instances where forged letters have been sent, for the sole purpose of enticing others to fall into the same snare and become the victims of that the hordes of murdering speculators. He passed at Elmore Creek on the south side of Platte river, over one hundred Wagons, and Cherry Creek between fifty and sixty, each wagon numbering about six men and all on their return home. Very few of them had any money, and the most he could hear as having been made by one man in a day, was seventy-five cents, while the lowest price for a day's board was two dollars:

ANOTHER WITNESS.—Mr. John Wilson, in company with four other men from Lacon, passed through this city yesterday, on his homeward tour from Pike's Peak. He brings the same discouraging accounts as those who preceded him, and his story but corroborates the oft-repeated tale of fraud and deception that, has been practised upon the gold hunting emigration of the present spring.

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